CT Scanners lying idle in Government Hospitals in Delhi

2231. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CT Scanners are lying as junk in three Government Hospitals, i.e., Hindu Rao Hospital, Dcen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital and Swami Dayanand Hospital in Delhi for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken, if any to reactivate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that the CT Scanners in these Hospitals have outlived their life and are uneconomical for repair. Further, the manufacturers of the CT Scanners have expressed their inability to repair them as the machines are obsolete.

Action taken on the recommendations of NHRC

2232. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the action taken on the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission urging revamping of the system of licensing and certification to prevent spurious and sub-standard I.V. fluids in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission to prevent spurious and sub-standard I.V. Fluids in the market primarily related to upgradation of Good Manufacturing Practices for manufacture, storage and distribution of I.V. Fluids. The Government has since upgraded Schedule M to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 which incorporate Good Manufacturing Practices vide Notification GSR No. 894 (E) dated 11.12.01. This not only upgrades GMP requirements in general but incorporates a new specific Section within Schedule M which has specific requirements on strict control of manufacture of I.V. Fluids. Both in the glass and plastic containers, in terms of building and civil work, air handling system (central air conditioning), environment monitoring, sanitation, equipments, water systems, manufacturing and sterilization processes, documentations, areas needed etc. Plant equipments, areas have also been prescribed for different sections for undertaking manufacture of I.V. Fluids to prevent manufacture and marketing of sub-standard I.V. Fluids.

Rise in HIV cases in Manipur

2233. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HIV positive cases in Manipur have increased at an alarming rate during the last couple of years;

(b) whether it was due to the fact that people in Manipur were not made aware about the causes and prevention of AIDS;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the responsibility fixed for the laxity; and

(d) the number of known HIV cases in Manipur at present and the action being taken to stop spreading of the dreaded disease?